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North Landing Bridge closes for emergency repairs

NORFOLK, Va. – After close consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, the North Landing Bridge in Chesapeake, Va. is temporarily closed to vehicular traffic for 2 to 3 days, while the Corps of Engineers performs emergency repairs on defective underwater cables and malfunctioning bridge circuitry.

The problem arose yesterday afternoon when the bridge's underwater cables, which operates the bridge swing span and wedge motors, malfunctioned. The Corps immediately dispatched a contract repair team to the site. Initial corrective action allowed one span of the bridge to remain open. Vehicle traffic was not affected. Recreational vessels and tugs could pass, but tugs with barges could not pass due to limited horizontal clearance.

The North Landing Bridge, built in 1951, locked in the open position this morning while the repair crew was running circuitry systems tests. The bridge is currently open to boating traffic, but is closed to vehicular traffic while contractors continue their repair efforts.

The Corps and the Coast Guard have issued a notice to mariners. Bridge operators monitor marine channel 13. The Chesapeake and Virginia Beach police have been notified and detour signs have been posted.

Motorists traveling north on Mount Pleasant Road in Chesapeake can detour around the bridge by using Centerville Turnpike to Elbow Road to Indian River Road, back to North Landing Road. Or, by using Fentress Airfield Road to Blackwater Road to Pungo Ferry Road to Princess Anne Road to Indian River Road, back to North Landing Road. The detour should be followed in reverse for motorists traveling south on North Landing Road in Virginia Beach.

For more information, call Joel Scussel, Operations Branch, Norfolk District Army Corps of Engineers, at (757) 441-7642, or the North Landing Bridge operator at (757) 482-3081.

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North Landing Bridge is located on the Va. Beach and Chesapeake borders, where Mt Pleasant Road turns into North Landing Road. 2953 Mt. Pleasant Road, Va. Beach.